



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1930

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In the Ruskin and Wimauma areas of unincorporated Hillsborough County, many residents rely on either a septic system or a low-pressure sewer system (LPSS) for wastewater treatment. Both septic systems and LPSS are aging, problematic, and contributing to water quality issues. This project will construct a reliable vacuum sewer system to help protect public health, improve service within the community, and help the environment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	10,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Hillsborough County received \$256.8 million in CARES Act dollars. The vast majority of the funds were distributed into the community for recovery and business assistance programs. To date, the county has received \$143 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA funding was utilized for community investment, infrastructure, and pandemic response.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

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13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Total funding sought will be used for the planning and construction of the septic-to-sewer project. Specifically, this project will construct and install vacuum sewer mains and stations, replace undersized and asbestos cement water mains, and abandon/remove low-pressure sewer mains and septic systems.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

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c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

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d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Hillsborough County residents in the Ruskin and Wimauma area.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Failing septic tanks and low-pressure sewer systems near surface waters are a human disease vector risk. Abandonment of such septic and LPSS systems will improve the efficiency of wastewater treatment. Hillsborough County is located within the Tampa Bay Estuary Watershed. Improvements to surface water and groundwater lead directly to water quality improvements in Tampa Bay, in addition to several other surrounding impaired waterbodies.

Nitrogen and phosphorus levels in springs and surface waters. Hillsborough County will perform quality monitoring on the water bodies that will be improved through this project. Additionally, water quality improvements may be observed by DEP.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Hillsborough County intends to be good stewards of public funding should this project receive an award. In the event that Hillsborough County fails to perform or meet deliverables, notice shall be provided to the agency and such governing agreement may be terminated by the agency effective as of the date of receipt of the default notice. As a result, any unused funds may be remitted to the agency.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) DEP Water Quality Improvement Grant
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?



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Ready

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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